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REMARKS

Applicants have amended claims 1, 3-8, 19 and 21, and have cancelled claims 20 and 22-25. Claims 1-19 and 21 are presently pending in the application.

The Office Action rejected claims 19 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In response, Applicant has amended these claims to address the Examiner's concerns. The Office Action further imposed a statutory-type double patenting rejection upon claims 1-19 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 101, and advised that the rejection could be overcome by amending the allegedly conflicting claims so they are no longer coextensive in scope. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, but has amended the claims to even further differentiate their scope. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112 and 101.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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